

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Below are the corrected texts from pages 2 and 8, in which the only changes are the correction of the spelling of the words "then" to "than" in both instances.

Page 2, scannable text

The game is typically started by each player placing a bet. The dealer then deals seven cards to himself and seven cards to each of the six player positions, using 49 of the 53 cards in the playing card deck. Each player, including the dealer, then forms two hands from the holdings of seven cards. One hand, referred to as the low hand, consists of two of the dealt cards. The other hand, referred to as the high hand, consists of the remaining five cards that were dealt to that player. The high hand must be higher in poker rank than the low hand. If the hand is a Pai Gow (no ranked hands possible higher than an Ace high), than the highest ranked card must be present in the high hand.

Page 10, scannable text

A side bet and corresponding bonus event is combined with the traditional game of Pai Gow poker. The bonus event does not in any way alter the strategy of play of the game. The Bonus event requires no additional cards, and adds interest to the game. Each player may make a first side bet wager to enter the bonus game, and may place a second side bet wager or a larger first side bet wager to enter an "envy hand" game event. The bonus game may be played and resolved before play of the Pai Gow game or after play of the Pai Gow game, but is preferably done after the play of the underlying Pai Gow game. The first side bet wager is made against a pay table, rather than against direct competitive rank play against other players and/or the house. The wager is made on whether the player's hand will exceed a minimum rank and will be paid according to the relative level of the rank achieved in a five card, best-of-seven cards poker hand. The players place the bonus bet or side bet in a designated area. After the basic game of Pai Gow is resolved, the dealer forms a best-of-seven cards five-card hand for each player, and payouts are made on the basis of those five-card hands having at least a minimum poker rank. After the five-card ranks are identified (and possibly after being paid), the dealer's hand is reviewed with respect to the highest possible five-card hand in the dealer's seven cards. If the dealer's best-of-seven five-card hand rank is less than a predetermined rank, e.g., an Ace-High Pai Gow (no hand of at least a rank of a pair), player's having made the first side bet wager will have any bonus payout for a ranked hand multiplied or otherwise increased. If a second side bet wager or if a required minimum threshold amount for the first side bet wager has been made, then an envy wager event will be played. In an envy event, for players making the qualifying envy bet wager, the appearance in any player's hand of a five-card hand of at least a second predetermined rank will provide a basis for a special bonus to envy bet player's, except for the first player who obtains the five-card hand of the at least second predetermined rank.